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Finding Your Path

SUCCESS and personal fulfillment do not always occur in a straight line. All too often, they are achieved when we travel a winding road or walk an unexpected path, which means being open to opportunity and risk, exploring new interests and digging deep to find what really motivates and inspires us in life.

Our cover story “Who But Leo Meehan?” [p.12] demonstrates this very idea. Today, Leo Meehan ’75 is the

CEO of W.B. Mason, the fourth largest office products company in the world. However, when he started with the company, it was tiny, according to his career counselor.

Instead of being deterred, Meehan saw opportunity and grasped it with both hands. Finding his calling, he worked hard and, in the process, transformed a local business into a global entity.

In a similar vein, in “The Unexpected Path” [p. 18], we meet five alumni from different walks of life, all of whom sensed a desire within to achieve something different and more meaningful in their lives than what they started out doing. They share, in their own words, their stories of change, drive and transformation.

With the graduation of more than 520 students on May 20, there are lessons and examples in these stories for our newest graduates. The quest for meaning and inspiration is a constant in life, and it is imperative to keep an open mind to the unexpected turns and detours you may experience.

Given the changes in higher education today, it is also imperative for colleges like Stonehill to be open to change and adaptation, to ensure that our mission remains relevant and vibrant.

To this end, I am happy to report that the Academic and Welcome Center [p. 4] is on schedule to open in August, and work is underway on the Leo J. Meehan School of Business, which will open in August 2019.

These buildings, along with the introduction of master’s degree programs starting with integrated marketing communications, represent our desire not to stand still but to move forward with confidence.

I hope the stories in this issue give you a vivid sense of how the College’s educational mission continues to flourish and how our alumni are leading lives of meaning and deep purpose.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Fr. John

(Rev.) John Denning, C.S.C.
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Elite Eight

The women’s basketball team headed off to Sioux Falls, S.D., to play in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the first time in over 20 years. While they ultimately lost to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 75-71, longtime coach Trish Brown noted, “I couldn’t be more proud of this team—their work ethic and their character are just off the charts.”

Campus Updates

THE COLLEGE continues to grow and expand in both its physical presence and its programming.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Work is underway on the Academic and Welcome Center, located on the main quad where the Old Student Union used to be. On schedule to open

this fall, the Center will be the first stop for greeting potential students and their families touring campus. It will have a presentation room, auditorium, classrooms designed for collaboration

and with the latest technology, faculty office spaces, a café and a bookstore.

As the Academic and Welcome Center project approaches completion, work has begun on the Leo J. Meehan School of Business building, which is scheduled to open for the 2019-20 academic year. Home to accounting, finance, international business, economics, healthcare administration, management and marketing, the building will bolster our already strong business programs with cutting-edge digital technologies that equip our students with the emerging capacities of social networks, data science and scalable innovation.

When both buildings are completed and in full operation, they will dynamically transform the main quad into a hub of academic, intellectual and cultural activity on campus.

MASTER'S PROGRAM OFF TO A STRONG START

The College's new master's degree in integrated marketing communications got off to a strong start in January, with 25 part-time students enrolled in the program's first semester. With a focus on creativity, the interdisciplinary program blends marketing,

"...the program's staff has been so smooth and helpful, one of the best experiences I've ever had."

communications and graphic design while giving students the option of completing their degree in as little as

two years. The adult students vary in age, gender, background, skills and professional experience.

James Lynch was looking for a master's program that would parallel the professional work he does every day for Massasoit Community College, where he is the director of marketing.

"It meets my criteria—attractive courses, near my home and ultimately a degree from Stonehill, which has a stellar academic reputation. In addition, the welcome and support from the program's staff has been so smooth and helpful, one of the best experiences I've ever had," Lynch notes.

Director Lee McGinnis says the program's curriculum allows students to develop analytical and critical thinking skills that position them to solve real world challenges while

confronting systemic societal issues. "We are meeting a need in this area, and we are delighted with the members of our first class, who are so engaged and energetic in their classes," he remarks. [Turn to page 10 to read more on McGinnis.]

For information on the program, which runs during winter, summer and fall semesters, visit stonehill.edu/academics/imc/.

AACSB RENEWS ACCREDITATION FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Business Administration Department has been reaccredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools and the largest business education network connecting students, educators and businesses worldwide.

Stonehill first gained AACSB accreditation in 2011, joining an elite group of higher education institutions, as less than five percent of the world's business schools have this accreditation.

"Renewed accreditation along with the construction of the Meehan School of Business building, which will give us a dedicated, state-of-the-art home, represent major votes of confidence in the strength and vitality of our business program. They are critical in our efforts to build on our successes and ensure our students will thrive in a rapidly changing economy," says Debra Salvucci, dean of the Leo J. Meehan School of Business.

For over a century, AACSB has been synonymous with the highest standards in business education. The accreditation process is a comprehensive review of a school's mission, faculty qualifications and curricula, including self-evaluations, peer reviews and committee reviews.

Accreditation ensures that students are learning material most relevant to their field of study, preparing them to be effective leaders upon graduation.



TWO BUILDINGS: [Above] A rendering of the Leo J. Meehan School of Business, which will open in 2019. [Below] Construction is well underway on the Academic and Welcome Center, set to open in the fall.



Heard on the Hill

LIBR-ALIEN The MacPháidín Library staff had a little fun this winter with the addition of its “libr-alien,” who popped up in different spots around the library and was often captured on Instagram.



FARM GATHERING

This February, the Farm at Stonehill hosted the inaugural New England Campus Farmer Summit, where the campus farmer community came

together to discuss what is growing on their campuses, farm engagement and how food can spur social change.

TRIBUTE TO PETTY “He became the sound of my college experience. What I didn’t understand was that he was a link in a musical genealogy that reached back to Woody Guthrie through Roger McGuinn. We lost a piece of Americana. Thankfully, it continues on in the head and the heart.”

—Comments on Tom Petty’s passing by Rev. Peter Walsh, C.S.C. ’84

“Capitol Hill is my campus. Literally everything is within walking distance.”

—John Eji for ’19, interning in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Marshals, posted by the Career Development Center on Instagram.



SAINTHOOD BOUND Holy Cross priest Fr. Patrick Peyton, who died in 1992 and is buried in the Congregation’s cemetery on campus, was recently declared “venerable” by Pope Francis, which brings the famed Rosary Priest a step closer to beatification as a Catholic saint.



Obama Advisor to Speak

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER of the Obama Foundation, David Simas ’92, will deliver the College’s 67th Commencement address on Sunday, May 20. A political science major, Simas spent eight years as a top advisor to President Barack Obama.

While in the White House, Simas was always generous with his time, meeting with Stonehill students whenever they visited Capitol Hill. He has returned to campus for speaking engagements focused on leadership and public policy. Simas will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Along with Simas, John Stack Jr. ’72 and Claudia Rankine will also receive honorary degrees.

A scholar and author specializing in ethnicity and world politics, administrative law, national security,

Simas was always generous with his time, meeting with Stonehill students whenever they visited Capitol Hill.

and constitutional law, Stack is the founding dean of the Stephen J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University. Stack will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

One of America’s most powerful poetic voices, Rankine uses her gifts as an essayist, poet and playwright to address some of the difficult racial and social-justice questions that society faces today. Rankine will receive an honorary doctor of literature degree.



QUICK CHAT

Constanza Cabello

Director of Intercultural Affairs

Years at Stonehill: Two and a half

Best part of my job: The students. I work with some of the best and brightest, who are passionate about social justice, diversity and inclusion. They inspire me to do and be better every day.

Job challenge: Creating space for the important dialogues that need to take place about racism, immigration reform,

gender equity, LGBTQ+ rights and other pressing justice topics. The college environment is an ideal place to dialogue about different experiences, insights and opinions, but it’s a challenge to keep up with the issues that are bubbling nationally and internationally.

What everyone should know about Intercultural Affairs: While we intentionally work to support our underrepresented populations (for example, students of color and international, LGBTQ+ and first-generation college students), we are a resource to all students.

Something that recently made me laugh: I laugh every day in the office! I work with the most dynamic professionals and students—we often have random conversations about our families, pop culture, animals and politics.

Words of wisdom I live by: “If your success is defined as being well adjusted to injustice and well adapted to indifference, then we don’t want successful leaders. We want great leaders, who love the people enough and respect the people enough to be unsought, unbound, unafraid and unintimidated to tell the truth.” —Dr. Cornel West

Blizzard of '78

THE HISTORIC BLIZZARD of 1978 dumped 27 inches of snow on the eastern seaboard over two days that February. Forty years later, we take a look at what campus was like during the storm and how students managed to make the best of it.

Hello, Operator?

THE COLLEGE'S switchboard was staffed around the clock by students from Feb. 6-12. Susan (Sherwood) Lane '78 rallied and organized students. She recalled in a press release written at the time, "A lot of kids called asking if there was school the next day, or if the parking lots were going to be cleared. Parents called to see if their kids were OK."

Like Camping

"I WAS A JUNIOR living in Holy Cross Center. The first couple of days were celebratory due to the novelty of it, but after a while, cabin fever set in. The roof of the Center threatened to cave in and needed shoveling. Then the woman who cooked for us couldn't make it in, so we had to prepare our own food. It sort of felt like being at Girl Scout Camp," recalls Helene (Donnelly) McGovern '79.

Travel Game

"I SPENT the blizzard in Washington, D.C., with the men's basketball team," Timothy Lawlor '81 recalls. "I was the team manager, and Stonehill played Georgetown the night the storm hit. We were stranded there for a week."

Plowing Out

THE BUILDINGS and Grounds Department implemented its contingency plan for emergencies and plowed to keep roads and fire lanes open. Overall, they cleared six miles of roads and three miles of 10-foot-wide sidewalks. About 500,000 cubic feet of snow were removed from parking lots.

Tray Sledding

"EVERYTHING just stopped," Gail Nuzzi-Milowe '79 recalls. "We went sledding on our cafeteria trays; we built snowmen and -women; and we even built igloos."

Post Blizzard

Following the blizzard, the Sociological Society organized a canned food and clothing relief drive to help aid the victims of the storm.





Marketing Pro

WHAT DO MARKETING, golf and underdogs all have in common? The answer: Lee McGinnis. An associate professor of marketing, McGinnis has done extensive research on gender perspectives in the game of golf as well as on underdogs in sports, society and business.

Named the director of the new integrated marketing communications (IMC) master's program, McGinnis shares what he finds most exciting about the program, why underdogs aren't considered losers and a quote from his dad that continues to motivate him.

Top teaching moment: Receiving the Student Athletic Association's Outstanding Faculty Award in 2015. I remember sitting at the breakfast that morning listening to the students' descriptions for the winner of the award and having absolutely no expectation of winning it myself. I was completely floored by the honor, especially since it was student generated.

Integrated marketing communications is: Maintaining a clear, consistent and meaningful message across all media platforms. It is a focus on the consumer and making sure the message resonates with consumer needs in a way that is creative and meaningful.

Why this master's program is exciting: It is aimed at being creative yet practical, combining courses from graphic design, communications and marketing. We

offer a course on creativity, which focuses on how to open one's mind to creative tactics and strategies and helps one work in groups to become more creative through synergy.

I became interested in golf research because: I was in the golf industry for a few years between my master's degree and Ph.D. and consider myself a golf advocate who is interested in growing the game. It was interesting to me that women had been taking up the game in great numbers but leaving soon after they started. So I began investigating this issue from a gender perspective, understanding how some of the actions of men and the industry affect women at the intrapersonal and institutional levels. A lot of these actions were unintended, so for change to occur, the industry and other golfers needed to be aware of how their marketing and behavior affected women's participation.

Best lesson from my underdog research: Being an underdog can actually be a strength. It is not the same thing as the pejorative "loser." Underdogs realize they might have deficiencies or external disadvantages but can use these as motivation or strengths, or in the case of marketing, as a way to position themselves against the competition. I often say that our IMC program is an underdog because we're new, but that means we are going to try that much harder for our students to succeed.

Something new that I recently learned: I need not pack as many activities or information in a class session at the graduate level as at the undergraduate level. Graduate students love to talk, and they feed off each other's points.

I am most curious about: How to make people creative and innovative in their jobs and individually. I have read a lot of books about being creative and am fascinated with the different techniques.

Favorite quote: "You can't talk it done," meaning that talk is cheap. My dad used to say this all the time; I'm not even sure if he coined it, but it has motivated me to avoid excuses, to talk and complain less and focus instead on creating solutions and being resourceful.

Uncovering Maritime Crime

MARITIME PIRACY is not a pervasive threat or a frequent thought for most people living on the East Coast of the United States. For Associate Professor of Criminology Anamika Twyman-Ghoshal, however, piracy on a different east coast—of Africa—forms the foundation of a wide body of research upon which her academic career in maritime crime is built.

A scholar of modern piracy, Twyman-Ghoshal is the creator of the Contemporary Maritime Piracy Database, one of the most comprehensive international piracy databases ever created. By collecting international piracy data over 20 years, from 1991 to 2010, Twyman-Ghoshal identified both a shift in worldwide piracy—from the waters off Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore toward the seas off Somalia—and an increase in a unique form of piracy crimes in that region.

From there, she homed in on the new piracy hotspot of Somalia to better understand the forces behind the rise of piracy in that region: namely, a civil war and exploitation by the international community of the country's fish stocks.

So when the international public-interest journalism site ProPublica was looking for a maritime crime expert for an in-depth report on cruise ship safety, Twyman-Ghoshal was a natural fit. "They were able to tap my knowledge to explain some of the strengths and weaknesses of cruise ship security," she says. "Combining my criminological research in maritime crime and my background in international law, I could shed light on some of the issues that apply when a ship is in international waters."

Twyman-Ghoshal, who is quoted in the resulting ProPublica article, sees the act of sharing her research through this and other public venues as a critical, yet often underserved, element of academic life. "Teaching is only one piece, but we

also need to be speaking to the wider public to realize the impact we want," she says. "Helping others understand issues and achieving evidence-based change with those issues—that's part of our social justice mission."

To share her knowledge beyond the confines of academia, Twyman-Ghoshal doesn't stop with the media—she also works with professional organizations and government agencies

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to educate those who can benefit from her research. In addition to sharing the Contemporary Maritime Piracy Database with the International Chamber of Commerce International Maritime Bureau and the U.S. Department of State, she recently

authored a piece for piracy-studies.org, a research portal for maritime security.

That same desire to link academia with the wider world was also behind a Stonehill pilot program created by Twyman-Ghoshal with Associate Professor of Political Science Anna Ohanyan. Called the Learning Inside Out Network (LION), the program linked students with professional organizations internationally, such as the Serbia War Crimes Prosecutor's Office and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights. Students in Twyman-Ghoshal's Global Crime course traveled to Serbia as LION Scholars to intern at related organizations while conducting their own independent research.

"This program is giving students the same contextual knowledge and practical experience they will need to eventually take their own knowledge into the world and effect change," Twyman-Ghoshal says.

This story, edited for length, originally appeared in Stonehill Faculty Focus 2017.





Who But LEO Meehan?

BY TRACEY PALMER | PHOTOS BY NICKI PARDO

LEO J. MEEHAN III '75 got into sales because of a car. A Thunderbird, to be exact. Specifically the one owned by Joseph Flanagan '65, the salesman he lived next door to as a kid. Back then, Meehan set his sights on a job in sales that would allow him to buy his own dream car. And that's just what he did. Only Meehan didn't expect what happened next. Almost no one did. But let's start at the beginning.



MEEHAN GREW UP ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN in the Squantum neighborhood of Quincy, a Boy Scout who loved baseball, chess and plastic green army men. His mother and his father, a U.S. public health inspector at Logan International Airport, believed in education and encouraged their young son to work and save for college. Meehan's first job was as a paperboy, delivering the *Boston Globe* and *Patriot Ledger*. "It was the best job I ever had," he recalls. "I loved my paper route."

With his earnings, Meehan bought baseball cards and saved the rest. After graduating from Boston College High School, he enrolled at Stonehill—again, following the path of his neighbor Flanagan—as an economics major.

With his father's connections, he got a job loading luggage at Logan Airport to pay his tuition. "Back in the day," Meehan says with a mischievous grin, "we used to jump the fence to get onto the runway for work."

Meehan's the first to admit that school was not his immediate interest and that he didn't win any academic accolades at Stonehill. But as a young man, he never lost sight of his ultimate goal—to become a commissioned salesman and buy that dream car. "I didn't really apply myself in college," he says. "I was there to get through that four-year process to be in business and do what I wanted to do."

"We both found school difficult," says Brian Gaffney '75, Meehan's best friend and college roommate. Gaffney and Meehan met standing around at a freshman dance and immediately bonded. "We both had to work to pay for college, we both became bouncers at Brother Mike's, and neither of us could afford to go away on spring break," Gaffney recalls. "We had to work harder than most."

Meehan might not have been a serious scholar, but Gaffney remembers him as a highly competitive, high-intensity guy with single-minded focus, especially when it came to football and guitar. Even though Meehan had never played football prior to college, he played for Stonehill during the football program's early club days. (Later on, in 2015, in recognition of his contributions to Stonehill athletics, he would be inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame.)

But it was music that captured Meehan's imagination. "Playing guitar and singing with my friends were the best times I ever had at school," he says. Gaffney jokes about those days: "He got us all into guitar, whether we liked it or not. He got out the guitars, tuned them, handed them to us and told us what to play." To this day, every night after work, Meehan can be found at home playing and writing songs. "My favorite place is alone with my guitar," he says.

Gaffney, who went on to become CEO of Allianz Global Investors, describes his longtime friend as authentic, trustworthy and underestimated. "He's got a quiet brilliance that's not readily visible, but he's always been able to see the bigger picture and recognize his own abilities when others didn't. But," Gaffney adds, "if there was a vote in college to pick the two people least likely to succeed in life, it would have been a horse race between me and Leo."



STONEHILL ARCHIVES

Back in 1975, it seems many job recruiters agreed. As a senior, Meehan interviewed with most of the companies that visited campus. He didn't get a single job offer. He was lying in his backyard one day when the phone rang. It was Rev. Lawrence Olszewski, C.S.C. '61, his career counselor at Stonehill. Meehan recalls Fr. Olszewski saying, "I have a lead on a job in Brockton for an office supply company that, frankly, is tiny. Do you want an interview?"

The rest, as they say, is history.

W.B. Mason

William Betts Mason founded a rubber stamp and stencil company in 1898. From humble beginnings in a small warehouse in Brockton, W.B. Mason has grown into the second largest privately owned office products dealer in the United States, with over 70 locations across the country. When Meehan started as a salesman in 1975, the company had two delivery trucks, employed 14 people and had annual sales of \$900,000 a year. Now, it has more than 1,000 trucks, employs more than 4,000 and has projected sales just shy of \$2 billion. Today, W.B. Mason is the fourth largest office products dealer in the world.

Within a month of starting with the company, Meehan began handling Stonehill as a client. At the time, neither he nor the College probably imagined their partnership would last more than 40 years. "I've never really left Stonehill," Meehan jokes. "This place is like Hotel California. You can check out, but you can never leave!"

Shortly after college, having achieved his goals of becoming a commissioned salesman and buying his dream machine, Meehan thought he had it made. But not all of his friends and former classmates were impressed. "I had the worst time at my first homecoming after graduation," he recalls. "People would say, 'You went to college, and now you sell pencils?'" Meehan smiles knowingly. "Now, I say, 'I sell a LOT of pencils!'"

Meehan was the first college graduate and Stonehill graduate to work at W.B. Mason. As soon as he was in a position to do so, he began hiring Stonehill students as interns and employees. Today, the company employs over 120 alumni, all of whom know that Meehan encourages them to give back to their alma mater. "Our company has been incredibly successful," Meehan says, "and I attribute much of our success to the caliber of employee we pull out of Stonehill. I'm a firm believer in giving back to the place that builds your foundation."

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FAVORITE THINGS: [Top to Bottom] Meehan plays the guitar daily. A Lego replica of the W.B. Mason building in Brockton created by Meehan's nephew, William Marsden. Meehan, right, with one of his best friends, Kevin O'Connor '75. The duo often performed together at Brother Mike's.

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Meehan's rise at W.B. Mason was meteoric. The company named him as vice president of marketing in 1979. He was 26. In 1983, he was made a partner and by 1987, he was responsible for day-to-day operations and strategic planning. In 1994, he became president and CEO. One of Meehan's most notable successes was the rebranding of

the company. Partnering with advertising savant Paul Steven Stone, the pair introduced the iconic slogan, "Who But W. B. Mason." The slogan, later combined with circus-like, old-fashioned lettering and a portrait of the company's founder, became instantly recognizable. Thanks to Meehan, W.B. Mason was the first company to place an ad on the legendary Green Monster, ending the Boston Red Sox's 50-year moratorium on advertising on its leftfield wall. Meehan also placed ads in several other ballparks. The company was the major donor for Stonehill's W.B. Mason Stadium, which opened in 2005.

In an industry with slim margins and stiff competition from the likes of office supply retail giants Office Max, Office Depot and Staples, Meehan has managed to steadily increase W.B. Mason's market share and profits. Whenever the economy slumped and competitors started to close stores and lay off staff, Meehan made his move. Because W.B. Mason didn't have the retail locations and overhead of its rivals, he was able to keep salespeople, amp up customer service and add delivery trucks.

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"In the '90s, it dawned on me that our core strength is not office supplies; it's that we deliver them. We're a delivery company that sells office supplies," Meehan says. "Everyone's prices are about the same, the products are the same, but our delivery and service are better. It's customized, more complete, more personal. This is why people love our service."

W.B. Mason's customer satisfaction scores are off the charts, boasts Meehan, better than Amazon's and Apple's. "Our customers love us," he says proudly, but he's quick to share credit with his partners, brothers Steve and John Greene. "We're almost like three brothers," Meehan says. "We really like each other, but we're all very different, with different yet complementary strengths."

Meehan's strength is his ability to see the big picture and act on it. He doesn't try to copy what others are doing, and he isn't afraid to try innovative things. In 1997, when Meehan introduced same day delivery, his staff thought he was crazy. "Why are you doing this to us? No one is asking for it," they said. Turns out Meehan was ahead of the curve, instituting something Amazon has been trying to accomplish for years.

Thanks to Meehan's foresight, W.B. Mason isn't just an office supply business any more. Ten years ago, it expanded into janitorial and facilities products, break room goods, coffee, water, food service items and shipping supplies. Just this spring, the company rolled out its first four electric delivery trucks.

Leo J. Meehan School of Business

IN JUNE 2017, Meehan, his partners at W. B. Mason, Steven Greene (who received an honorary doctorate from Stonehill) and John Greene, and their company pledged \$10 million to help fund construction of a \$30 million business school—a fitting tribute to their enduring relationship. The Leo J. Meehan School of Business will change the face of Stonehill's campus, offering cutting-edge technology and adaptive, modern classrooms and collaboration spaces. "This gift is a no-brainer," Meehan says. "Stonehill is a great school for business. I know. I hire their graduates. They're very good."

Fellow trustee Marsha Moses '75, says she wasn't surprised by her classmate's impressive donation. "It epitomizes Leo's love of the College and his generosity," she says. "It's a perfect fit." Moses, who is the director of the vascular biology program and runs a cancer research lab at Boston Children's Hospital and holds an endowed professorship at Harvard Medical School, didn't know Meehan well in college, but she has served on the College's Board of Trustees with him for years. "Because of his casual appearance and his constant kidding around, people might underestimate him, but Leo's the real deal. He's honest, loyal and humble. A good guy and a straight shooter, with no hidden agenda. We can always count on Leo to ask the very basic, seminal question that most people do not think of asking. He gets the Board to think about what really matters."

With construction underway, the new building, which will host accounting, finance, international business, management, marketing, economics and healthcare administration, will open for the 2019-2020 academic year. Maybe by then, Meehan will get used to the idea of having his name etched on the facade. "This is still so weird for me," he says. "I don't even know anybody who's ever done this. If you asked each person on graduation day who would have a business school named after him, I would be the last person they'd name."



“For centuries, paper has been the centerpiece of our business,” says Meehan. “All our supplies are created to manage paper—paper clips, pencils, folders, file cabinets, staples, binders—and paper is going away. I’m really proud of what we’ve been able to do in an industry that’s being wiped out.”

Family, Friends, Stonehill

Meehan is an astute businessman, but at heart he’s a family man, always has been. “Mason is number one,” he says, “until my family calls.” That tight-knit family is made up of his wife, Sara, known as Gigi, an accomplished high school tennis coach; his daughter, Sally, a New York City actress; and his son, Tucker, who plans to join his father at W.B. Mason after graduating from Colby College. He’s also very loyal to his friends and anyone who needs his help, says Gaffney: “He puts 110 percent into the people he believes in.”

Meehan’s office is unusual. It’s more like a family den than a work space, with upholstered couches and chairs, an Oriental rug, a gas fireplace and built-in bookshelves full of mementos and memorabilia. There are family photos, framed art from his favorite W.B. Mason ads and a sketch of a young Meehan, with

“People would say, ‘You went to college, and now you sell pencils?’ Meehan smiles knowingly.

flowing Don Henley hair, playing his guitar. On a doorknob in the corner hangs a worn *Boston Globe* shoulder bag with a once-bright orange strap. One thing missing from Meehan’s office is a computer. He doesn’t own one. And he doesn’t use email. He doesn’t mind texting, but what Meehan would rather do is talk—on the phone, or better yet, in person.

Meehan, W.B. Mason and Stonehill have developed a deep and lasting relationship. Meehan joined Stonehill’s Board of Trustees in 2002 and was a member of the College’s President’s Council for many years. As a Board member, he was surprised to walk into a meeting one day to find his former counselor Fr. Olszewski, who was also a trustee.

Meehan, who has always done things his own way in business and in life, has had few regrets, but not saying thank

you to Fr. Olszewski was one of them. After all, if it wasn’t for him setting up the interview with the “tiny” Brockton company—who knows? Of that chance meeting with Father, Meehan recalls, “We hadn’t seen each other in 35 years. He didn’t recognize me, but I finally got to say thank you.”

OFFICE PRODUCTS: Meehan’s office is similar to a family den, adorned with [top to bottom] a mural of the W.B. Mason logo and Mason products along with family memorabilia and items from his youth like his boyhood paper route bag.

Skyhawk Talk

Cross Country’s Dream Season

“BEFORE EVERY SEASON, I look at our cast of characters and dream of what would be the perfect scenario for our team,” says Karen Boen, Stonehill’s Hall of Fame men’s cross country coach. “But I’d be lying if I said I thought we would go undefeated.”

Yet that’s exactly what the Skyhawks did, winning a ninth NE10 Championship; their first East Regional Championship since 2013—earning the team their 15th-straight nationals bid; and the program’s first-ever New England Championship.

“We had that perfect balance. We were having a lot of fun while at the same time being the most serious and intense we’ve ever been,” said Riley Dowd ’19, the youngest of the team’s

three captains. “We had just such a great group; they made it easy.”

That balance and buy-in from the 15-man team showed early. They swept their first two meets leading into the New England Championship, a race against a number of Division I programs including Dartmouth, UMass Amherst and Northeastern.

The Skyhawks bested them all. “It was our first real race of the season, our first real test to prove what we were all about,” said team captain James Murphy ’18. “Obviously, we made a big statement.”

The victory, while historic, was just an appetizer. “We had bigger fish to fry,” says Boen, regarding the team’s mentality after the win.

Specifically, their eyes were on the NE10 Championship two weeks later. The meet had been marked on their calendar all year long, thanks to rival American International College (AIC), which had won it three years running heading into 2017. The whole Stonehill team, especially its four seniors, knew they had an opportunity to knock AIC off their pedestal.

The Skyhawks did just that, edging out AIC by only two points.

“It honestly came down to the whole team showing up that day,” notes team captain Kenneth Vinacco ’18. “We had 14 guys that raced their hearts out... It was really good to finally stick it to them.”

Even better, the team had the opportunity to compete against AIC two-weeks later, at a slow, rain-soaked NCAA East Regional Championship course. This time, the win was by a decisive 66 points over their rivals. It capped off their first-ever undefeated regular season, which they followed up with the team’s best performance at nationals since 2006.

Excellence doesn’t come easy. To prepare, the team ran between 65 and 85 miles a week, including runs of 15 miles or more every Sunday after a race, days with morning lifts, two runs twice a week and more.

“Fun is winning, and winning requires you to be really fit,” Boen explains. “This year, our leaders and the team around them bought in, took the hits and made it happen. When I dreamed over the summer of every one of our guys being at their best and putting it all together at the right time, this is what I meant.”



DREAM TEAM: This year our leaders and the team around them bought in, took the hits and made it happen, says Coach Boen of the men’s cross country team that won its ninth NE10 Championship.

The Un-expected Path

SOMETIMES IT'S THE DETOURS that make all the difference. A college plan transformed by a single class. A family member who reaches out with an offer. A graduate school application denied, a prestigious grant awarded, an unexpected job offer. Moments of disappointment, moments of grief, moments when the bills have to be paid—they all have the power to redirect career paths and bring unexpected fulfillment. Here are five stories of Stonehill graduates who veered from the straight line and achieved the unimagined.

BY MAURA KING SCULLY
PHOTOS BY NICKI PARDO

Gregory Affsa '04

"I WAS A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL KID with no idea what I wanted to do in life," recalls Gregory Affsa '04. At Stonehill, he had a vague idea about joining the FBI—based on watching *The X-Files*. But when an FBI recruiter came to campus, Affsa thought it sounded like "just another desk job." So he decided to major in fine arts with a studio concentration, and that led to a job in accounting.

Huh? How did that happen? Mostly by happenstance. And the need to pay his rent. His father had a connection at State Street Bank, and Affsa took a job in the retirement accounting department. "I picked up Excel easily, which made up for the fact that I had never taken an accounting class," he says.

Fast forward a couple of years, and Affsa moved to California to work in the accounting department of a mountain bike company. He loved the bikes, surf and sand. "But I was 27, and at a desk in a cubicle—exactly the place I didn't want to be," he recalls. So, he decided to move back to Boston and enroll in an industrial design program at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

In early 2017, Affsa went to work at Optum, a health services and innovation company, where he is a product experience manager. "We're using human-centered design tools to solve some of healthcare's biggest problems," he says. "I was always looking for a job that I would love, and I never gave up on trying to find it. Now, I don't foresee myself leaving this field ever."

Amanda (Dalia) Hazeltine '05

WHEN HER MOTHER WAS DIAGNOSED with cancer in 2011, Amanda (Dalia) Hazeltine '05 was working in healthcare communications. "I remember a moment when I was drafting a client's tweet, and it felt so unimportant compared to my mom's battle with cancer," she recalls. "I decided I wanted to pursue a career that enabled me to more directly help others."

Soon, Hazeltine headed back to school—part-time, while still working full-time—to complete prerequisite nursing course work. For the past three years, she has worked per diem on the weekends as a patient care technician. Last April, she joined Massachusetts General Hospital's division of palliative care and geriatric medicine to launch a serious illness care education program. "Our mission is to meet the needs of seriously ill patients and their families through patient engagement and education, and training clinicians—regardless of specialty—to have serious illness conversations to find out what matters most to patients."

Initially, Hazeltine's mother wasn't convinced her decision to change careers was a good idea. "She said,



Greg Affsa '04: Fine arts major Affsa detoured into the accounting field before becoming a product experience manager. He created the Gentoo Vest, a chemotherapy vest for cancer patients.



Amanda (Dalia) Hazeltine '05 "I remember a moment when I was drafting a client's tweet, and it felt so unimportant compared to my mom's battle with cancer," says Hazeltine of switching careers.

“You’re doing really well. Why start over?”

But as her mother’s illness worsened, she increasingly saw and felt the benefit of medical professionals trained to ease the stress of a serious illness. “Just before her death, my mother said, ‘I can see now why you want to do this,’” Hazeltime recalls. “This meant so much to me, to have her blessing as I embark on a new path inspired by her and her strength.”

This fall, Hazeltime will apply to nursing school, with the goal of becoming an oncology nurse practitioner.

Chad Gaughan ’10

CHAD GAUGHAN ’10 had sent in applications and was waiting to hear from dental schools when he got a job with Concierge Services for Students, a Boston company that provides personalized support for international and out-of-state students attending school in New England. “It was babysitting rich kids—getting them apartments, helping them get acclimated,” explains Gaughan.

Then, came disappointment. Gaughan, who had long dreamed of becoming a dentist, didn’t get into the schools of his choice. He ended up staying with Concierge Services

for a little more than three years. Along the way, he found that he had a flair for technology and negotiating real estate deals. Though he enjoyed the work, Gaughan found himself thinking, “What can I do that is different and will leverage my qualities as a person?”

“My in-laws suggested teaching or sales,” says Gaughan, who is married to Kelsey (Doherty) Gaughan ’11. In 2013, he joined Goodrich Residential in Boston, where he mastered the ins and outs of real estate and was promoted to vice president. Three years later, he went to work for Local Property Shop as president, and in November 2017, he bought the business.

Though running a company gives him more than enough to do, Gaughan makes time to talk with college students interested in real estate careers. “I want them to keep their options open. Real estate is a tough industry,” he explains. “A lot of brokerages are built around an all-star agent, and the leftovers get kicked down to other people. You have to generate business yourself, so I encourage the students to start working in the business before they graduate.

“You never know if you’re making the right decision along the way, and I still don’t know if I’m making the right decisions,” muses Gaughan, “but I know I ended up in the right spot.”

Katherine Morelli ’16

WHEN KATHERINE MORELLI ’16 found out she had been awarded a prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for 2017-2018, her life took a turn that she never expected. “I was living in Maine and substitute teaching,” says Morelli. “If I had been turned down for the Fulbright, I probably would have continued substituting and applied to Teach For America.”

Instead, Morelli is teaching English as a second language to 5th through 12th grade students at a school located about 20 minutes outside the German city of Hamburg. “I applied for the Fulbright knowing that I wanted a career in teaching and to spend more time in Germany,” says Morelli, who majored in biology and decided to minor in German after spending her junior year in the country.

When Morelli arrived at Stonehill, she thought teaching biology would be her calling. But after getting to know Professor Stacy Grooters, founding director of the College’s Center for Teaching and Learning, she decided that her ultimate goal is to teach other teachers. “Listening to Professor Grooters talk about her job was formative,” recalls Morelli.

Her next goal is to earn a graduate degree in sociology at a German university. “I hope that studying sociology will make me a better teacher,” she explains. “It’s very important to me that I understand where my students are coming from.”

She also offers some advice to her students: “You have to take it one step at a time. I still don’t know what I’m doing

“You have to take it one step at a time. I still don’t know what I’m doing with my life, and I got a Fulbright.” —Katherine Morelli ’16

with my life, and I got a Fulbright. Be open to options, and have a group of people who are willing to write you great recommendations. My Fulbright wouldn’t have happened without all of the support I received from my Stonehill professors.”

William Ryan ’77

“I STARTED COLLEGE AS A SCIENCE MAJOR. I worked hard and got Cs,” recalls William Ryan ’77. “In my sophomore year I somehow wound up in a psychology class and put the same effort into it and got an A.” Ryan switched majors to psychology and went on to earn a master’s degree in counseling.

For about a decade, Ryan worked in social services. Though he enjoyed the work, funding was limited, and he began to think about switching careers. His wife suggested he would make a good lawyer, but they couldn’t figure out a way for him to go to law school and pay the mortgage.

Enter Uncle Oscar. “My Uncle Oscar had a law practice in Blackstone,” recalls Ryan. “He mentioned it would be nice if someone in the family would take over the practice.” Soon, Ryan was working full-time for Oscar, and a year later he began part-time at New England School of Law. Ryan eventually opened his own practice, where he has spent the last 26 years, concentrating in estate planning, probate and family law.

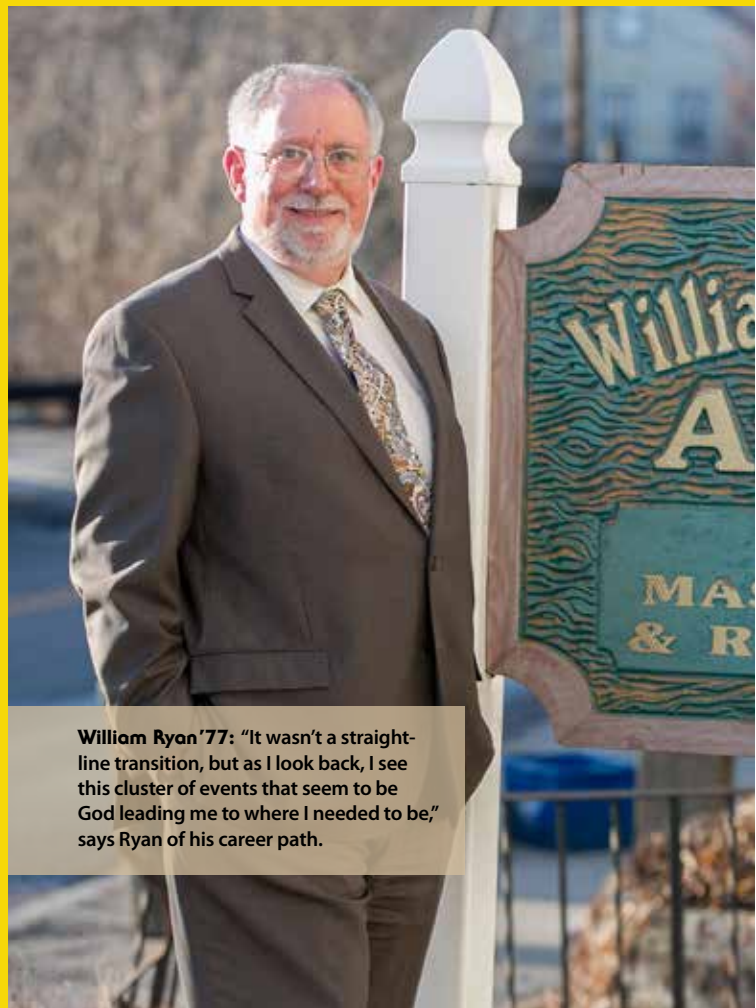
When Ryan looks back at his career path, he fondly remembers Rev. Robert J. Kruse, C.S.C., who often quoted from Rainer Maria Rilke’s book *Letters to a Young Poet*: “Love the questions themselves.” With that and his Catholic faith in mind, Ryan says he has learned to trust God with both the uncertainty and the journey. “Law has been where I’ve felt most fulfilled,” says Ryan. “It wasn’t a straight-line transition, but as I look back, I see this cluster of events that seem to be God leading me to where I needed to be.”



Chad Gaughan ’10: When his plan to go to dental school didn’t work out, Gaughan forged a new path as president and owner of Local Property Shop.



Katherine Morelli ’16: While Morelli thought she’d teach biology, a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship led her to Germany, where she now teaches English.



William Ryan ’77: “It wasn’t a straight-line transition, but as I look back, I see this cluster of events that seem to be God leading me to where I needed to be,” says Ryan of his career path.

COURTESY OF KATHERINE MORELLI

Design is Everywhere

BY KIMBERLY LAWRENCE

FOR AS LONG AS SHE CAN REMEMBER, Baylee Kimbar '18 has been drawn to the arts. "Some of my earliest memories involve finger paintings, crayon drawings and sticker collages that I would create on pieces of paper and then tape to the front door of my house," she recalls.

But she didn't get seriously involved with studio arts until she came to Stonehill, where she fused her artistic passion with a graphic design major. "The first things I really designed were in my first-year foundation course," she recalls.

Kimbar is one of the growing number of students who has benefited from the graphic design program's revamped curriculum complete with tiered courses, internships and portfolio reviews. According to Graphic Design Program Director Gary Stanton, the preprofessional program prepares students to work with clients in today's more visual world.

With the influx of digital communication delivered to us from all directions, at all times, engaging design is essential to attracting and maintaining audiences. "As technology changes and Wi-Fi is becoming broader so that you can get more data, there is more coming at us visually," Stanton says. "So, for graphic design, you can no longer just focus on print but on a package of different approaches."

To prepare fledgling graphic design majors for this task, the program's course load begins with

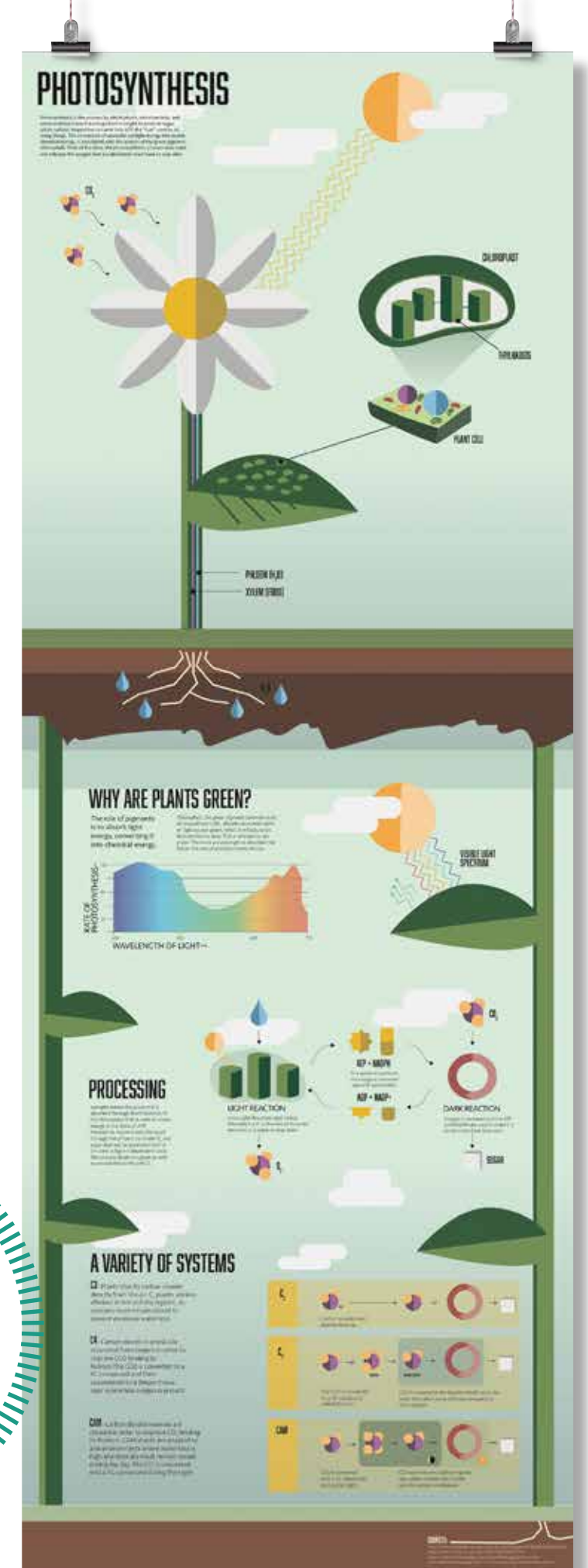
the history and foundation of graphic design and moves on to type and image making. Students then take a deeper dive into disciplines, such as advertising, package, publication or screen-based designing.

And while graphic design has evolved within the landscape of digital media, the program doesn't disregard the more traditional practices that built and shaped the field. The department recently purchased a letterpress and will be integrating letterpress printing into the curriculum. "We talk so much about moving forward and what we need to do to stay current, but there is also this craft to graphic design that can't be left behind," says Assistant Professor of Graphic Design Cristy Morgan.

Of course, the best way to talk about the College's graphic design program is to show the work of some of its majors.

Language of Design

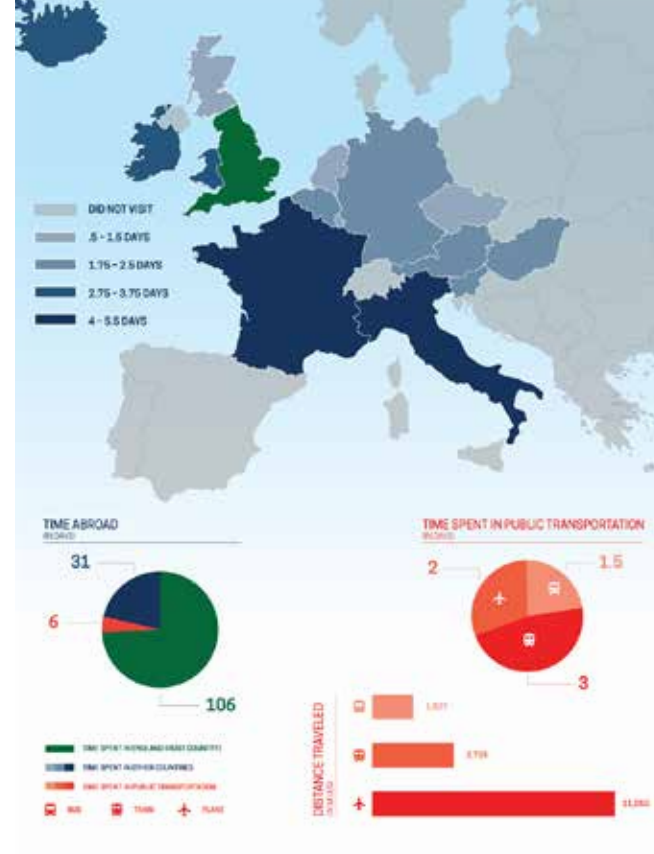
DANNY HAFTEL '18 The first thing that Danny Haffel '18 ever really designed was a logo for a fake coffee shop called Récolte during his Graphic Design Foundations course. "I thought it was the coolest thing ever," he admits. Now a senior, he has refined his skills through the program's courses and his internships—at the Fuller Craft Museum, Kel and Partners and '47 as both an apparel graphics intern and photography intern—leading to more sophisticated designs such as this poster titled Photosynthesis that he created for his Information Design course. A dual language—French and Spanish—and graphic design major, Haffel is hoping either to attend L'École de Design Nantes Atlantique (Nantes, France) for graduate school or find a job as a junior designer after graduating this May. "My dream is to eventually be a creative director or package designer," says Haffel, who is most interested in packaging and information design. "I want to make a difference through effective design."



Drawn to the Arts

BAYLEE KIMBAR '18 Kimbar credits her professors with making her the designer that she is today, noting that “they go above and beyond for their students.” While her two internships, with the marketing departments at Stonehill and Massachusetts General Hospital, have been print-focused, she has found her area of interest through her course work.

“I’ve fallen in love with the digital side of design, especially web design and motion graphics,” says Kimbar. Her work here was for her Type and Image class, where she was tasked with creating a poster for an arts festival, in which the typography couldn’t make direct contact with any of the imagery.



SpaceX Goals

JONATHAN LETOURNEAU '18 As a kid, Jonathan Letourneau '18 would sit at his parents' Windows 95 computer and design using the Microsoft Paint program. “I’d draw for hours until I got bored with the limits of just having a paintbrush to design,” he recalls. Fast forward to college, and Letourneau’s ongoing interest in design motivated him to declare both marketing and graphic design as his majors. “I enjoy finding visual solutions to problems. I think design has a lasting impact on people, and creating those impressions makes me feel like I’ve accomplished my purpose,” he says. For three semesters, he interned with Quench Design, a small design studio located near the College. He is also interning for Stonehill’s Marketing Department, is the lead designer for the Stonehill Digital Lab and serves as the treasurer of the College’s student chapter of AIGA, the professional organization for designers. Using his eye for design, he created this data visualization of his travels while studying abroad. “My dream is to work for one of Elon Musk’s companies, specifically SpaceX,” he says. “I find what SpaceX is doing to be incredible, and being able to visually communicate that to the public would be the chance of a lifetime.”



Designer at Heart

NICOLE WROBEL '19 “I’ve been ‘designing’ ever since I was old enough to use a computer. I use the word *designing* lightly because what I was really doing was sticking as much clip art as possible in a Microsoft Word document; but nevertheless, my love for design was born,” says Nicole Wrobel '19, who has a minor in business. After serving as the editor-in-chief of her high school yearbook, Wrobel decided to follow her passion for design and focus on something she truly enjoyed in college. With the hope of one day working for Disney, she is paving her path by serving as the creative director of InHouse, Stonehill’s student-run graphic design studio, as well as interning in the College’s Marketing Department. Last summer, she interned with Buildium, a property management company in Boston, where she worked under graphic designer Caroline Thompson '16. In this design for her Type and Image Class, Wrobel created a poster that integrated text and image through fusion and established a graphic resonance for the viewer.



DINNER AND A SHOW

EACH SPRING, the graphic design program hosts two signature events. The Graphic Design Annual Dinner brings together current graphic design majors with graphic design alumni. “This is our third year hosting the dinner, and it has grown each year,” says Assistant Professor Cristy Morgan. “Students and alumni share their work and talk about the field. Our alumni want to mentor our undergraduates, and they also get to reconnect and network.”

Michelle Curtis '13, who works as a product designer in the education software industry, has attended the dinner and sees the significance of such a gathering. “It is important for alums to talk to students and for students to see that to be a successful designer, you don’t need to end up at an agency,” she says. “There are lots of different paths you can take and tons of smart design-focused companies in the Boston area looking for talented young designers.”

In conjunction with the dinner, the program also curates the Graphic Design Annual, a student-run design show in the Carole Calo Gallery, showcasing the work of senior graphic design students. As a class, the seniors hang their pieces, brand the show’s name, create the logo as well as organize and arrange how viewers will experience their pieces.

According to Graphic Design Program Director Gary Stanton, the show is a major team project that prepares students for working collaboratively in their jobs, and it is “a great way to celebrate their design work.”

INHOUSE SERVICES

GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJORS can work for InHouse, the student-run, preprofessional graphic design studio that produces real client work for local nonprofits and campus departments or organizations at no charge. “InHouse was one of the aspects that drew me to Stonehill,” says Nicole Wrobel '19, creative director of the studio. “Students get to work on real projects and build a portfolio, while clients are provided with high level graphic design work.”

Alumni Day 2018

ALUMNI OF ALL CLASS YEARS and their families came together on February 3 to enjoy a day back on campus. Festivities included a winter carnival, traveling petting zoo, craft beer tasting and chili cook-off, followed by men's and women's basketball games. In the evening, the Moreau Honors Program celebrated its 25th anniversary.



1 | The Fuller Family, Matthew '06, Meghan (Brimmer) '06 and their children, cuddle with the Barn Babies.

2 | Catherine (Manning) Guyette '82 won the Chili Cook-Off Contest with her white chicken chili.

3 | The women's basketball team narrowly beat Southern New Hampshire University in an exciting game with a 49-48 score.

4 | Airika Laguerre '20 conducts science experiments with children of alumni.

5 | A couple of "cats" smile for the camera with their parents, Brendan "Tyler" '02 and Elisabeth Vuylsteke.

6 | Alumni from different class years enjoy the day's festivities with their families.

7 | Shovel Town Brewery in North Easton—named for Easton's historic connection to shovels and the Ames Family—provided samples of its craft beer.

8 | Brittany Frederick '16, Matthew Crawford '16, Associate English Professor Helga Duncan and Darius Haghighat '16 attend the 25th anniversary celebration of the Moreau Honors Program, where Philosophy Professor Richard Capobianco [inset] was honored for his leadership of the program.

Empowering our Alumnae

THE INAUGURAL ALUMNAE SUMMIT in March exceeded expectations, and plans are already underway for a follow-up summit in 2019.

In her keynote address before 80 women graduates, President of the New York Academy of Medicine Judith Salerno, M.D. '73 [right] offered insights and inspiration for self-empowerment, establishing work-life balance and defining one's own success.

Of her own career, she explained, "I refused to let others define me." Salerno also noted the importance not just of role models but also of mentors, "those whose example you admire and

who you can trust to lift you up." And she added, "Don't be afraid to change jobs or to call out unfairness."

Reflecting on the event, Marie (Coleman) Leonard '79 said, "The various follow-up sessions were

focused, realistic and productive. In connecting with so many alumnae, it seems we are all grappling with similar challenges. I liked the energy in these sessions and came away with helpful ideas and suggestions."



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Student Alumni Association

THEY ARE AT THE CHECK-IN TABLE

at Reunion. They greet you and your family on Alumni Day. They welcome you back to campus at events with current students. They are the members of Stonehill's Student Alumni Association (SAA).

For over 25 years, SAA members have volunteered at various alumni events including Reunion, Auction and Alumni Day, and they run their own programs, such as careers dinners and panels, to engage alumni in the life of the College and make students aware of their future roles as alumni.

Giving up time during the evenings and weekends to be part of this group, current and former members echo the

same sentiment: SAA is one of the most impactful organizations at Stonehill.

Mary Lehane '17, a vendor relations specialist at W.B. Mason, notes, "At my job, I'm in constant contact with high profile people at some of the most well-known companies in the world. I truly believe that being in the SAA was crucial to my success in landing this job and starting off on the right foot."

Explaining why he joined SAA, current SAA President Erich Maynard '18 says, "I felt like it would be a great opportunity to network with alums and open myself to more opportunities on campus. My leadership skills, specifically public speaking, have grown so much in the last year. I love connecting with graduates."

Former SAA President Caroline Lambert '16 agrees. "I always told my friends that SAA was one of the best kept secrets at Stonehill, and a lot of that was because of the networking opportunities," she says.

The Office of Alumni Affairs founded the association in 1992 to serve as a link between the Stonehill campus

community and alumni. The College has now seen former SAA member Kerri (Riley) Ansello '96 become the vice president of the Alumni Council. On average, the group engages over 300 students and approximately 150 alumni in its programs each year.

In 2015, SAA won the National Outstanding Organization award presented by CASE Affiliated Student Advancement Programs (ASAP), a

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testament to all former members of the organization. In February, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Aine McAlister '11 received the Outstanding Advisor Award from CASE ASAP for her work with SAA.

To participate in one of the SAA's programs or to learn more, email alumni@stonehill.edu.

Alumni Travel to Portugal

THE 2017 ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

took travelers to Portugal on a 10-day educational tour of Porto, Lisbon, Fátima, Sintra, the Algarve and other amazing locations. The group journeyed through cities and coastal villages that were once home to some of the greatest explorers the world has known. For the first time, the program offered a three-night extension to Lisbon and the Azores.

Associate Professor of Communication Rev. James Chichetto, C.S.C. '64 served as the trip's faculty host and shared his expertise as travelers toured historic sites including the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima, St. Francis Church, Chapel of Bones

and the 19th century, Romanticist Palácio da Pena in Sintra [below], among other sites. The year 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions witnessed by three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal.

UP NEXT: Scotland

In 2018, the Stonehill College Alumni Travel Program is pleased to present **Scotland: Edinburgh and Beyond!** This educational tour, which departs on October 5 and returns on October 14, will take travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Drymen and other historic places. Travelers will journey through lands influenced by the tribal Celts and ancient, face-painted Picts, Roman legions and Vikings, fallen monarchs and powerful warrior-royals, noble clansmen, great explorers, pensive philosophers and bright inventors.

Visit stonehill.edu/alumni/programs-events/alumni-travel-program/ for more information about this \$3,059 per person (double occupancy) trip, which includes round-trip airfare from Boston, hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, four dinners and the full-time services of a tour director. Space is very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.





Zoo Days

IT'S ALL HAPPENING at the zoo. When their three children were young, **William DeNuccio '68** and Marybeth (Donovan) DeNuccio '68 would take them to Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, R.I.

"I always told Marybeth that volunteering as a zoo docent was what I wanted to do when I retired. It was, in fact, the first thing I got involved with when I did retire," says DeNuccio, a longtime teacher who retired as assistant principal of Hugh B. Bain Junior High in Cranston, R.I., in 1997.

By 1998, DeNuccio was a docent at Roger Williams Park Zoo and soon became a day captain, assigning docents to various stations, among other duties.

"Without question, what I enjoy most is the daily interaction with kids and adults, teaching them about the animals, the environment, the wonders of evolution and the need to involve the public in the many efforts to protect animals in the wild," says the Stonehill history major, whose current zoo favorites are the cheetah and snow leopard.

"My history major got me started in teaching, and being a docent is teaching. I never had that chance to teach biology in school. The zoo is my chance," he notes.

A soccer player while at Stonehill, DeNuccio also volunteers with Cranston League for Cranston's Future, a sports and youth development program. To commemorate his years of volunteering, Cranston named a soccer field after him, and he was inducted into the Soccer Rhode Island Hall of Fame in 2009.

DeNuccio admits that meeting Marybeth was the most significant takeaway from Stonehill. The couple were married soon after graduation. He notes, "We are excitedly looking forward to our 50th reunion this June and our 50th wedding anniversary in August."

Class Notes

1959

Donald DeMarco had his 30th book, *Apostles of the Culture of Life*, released.

1964

James Fallon, the chief investment officer and trustee of the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, was elected to the board of directors of the National Young People's Chorus in New York, N.Y.

1966

Joseph Dotoli Jr. was the recipient of the 2017 U.S. Equestrian Federation Lifetime Achievement Award. Dotoli, who resides in Chepachet, R.I., has been a part of the horse industry for nearly 50 years as a professional rider, trainer, judge and horse show manager.

Br. Alan Harrod, C.S.C. retired after 25 years with Holy Cross Ministries in East Africa.

Paul Sanders is a clinical care manager with Southcoast Behavioral Health in North Dartmouth.

1967

David Angus MacFarlane is a principal with Reliant Yachts in Newport, R.I.

||||| 50TH REUNION JUNE 1-3

1968

Thomas Keating, a member of the AGAPE veterans' writing program at Boston College, had a chapter from his Vietnam War memoir published in *War Stories 2017*, an anthology of stories and poems published by Oregon Humanities about the effects of war.

Susan Leclair was named an MPN (Myeloproliferative Neoplasm) Hero by *CURE* magazine. MPNs are blood cancers that occur when the body makes too many white or red blood cells or platelets. Now retired from University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Leclair spent more than 40 years as a clinical lab professional, focused on hematology, oncology, genetics and bioethics.

1970

Kevin Shea retired from the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in January after 42 years of service to the U.S. Army as an active duty infantry officer and an Army civilian. Upon retirement, he was appointed professor emeritus at the CGSC, where he has taught since 2002 in the Department of Tactics and the Department of Command and Leadership (DCL). The recipient of the DCL and CGSC Educator of the Year Award in 2011, he wrote a doctoral dissertation titled "The Effects of Combat-Related Stress on Learning in an Academic Environment," which has had a substantial impact in his field of study.

1971

Br. Thomas Dziekan, C.S.C. was appointed executive director of the Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward's University in Austin, Tex. Last year, he celebrated his 50th anniversary with the Congregation of Holy Cross.

||||| 45TH REUNION JUNE 1-3

1973

Arthur Eddy is working in Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti, where he is overseeing the opening of a dental clinic that will be a part of the Catholic Medical Mission Board's Bishop Sullivan Hospital, a new, state-of-the-art health center in Côtés-de-Fer. The hospital serves more than 50,000 community members who previously did not have access to quality healthcare.

1975

Dennis Gaffney is a financial agent for New York Life Insurance in Melville, N.Y.

Thomas McGrath is the senior vice president of risk management for TD Bank in Hyannis.

Anthony Venti is the executive director for the property management company HallKeen Management in Norwood.

1976

Joy (Komar) O'Keeffe, a Pembroke dentist by day, opened her first painting exhibit at the James Library and Center for the Arts in Norwell.

1977

Rev. James Fenstermaker, C.S.C. has been appointed pastor of Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, Ind. He previously served as pastor for Holy Cross Parish in Easton for nine years.

1979

Stephen Murphy was elected the Suffolk County Register of Deeds.

1980

Cathy (Labresh) Brooks retired after a 35-year career in college textbook publishing.

Barbara (Walter) Coit works in the U.S. consumer markets information technology department for document solutions at Liberty Mutual.

James Fitzgerald is president of VERC Enterprises, a retail convenience store/gasoline station group based in Hyde Park.

1981

Richard Famularo is the president of RRF Consulting Group in Hanover.

David Hufnagle is the assistant vice president of compliance for U.S. Bank in Boston.

1982

Paul Falvey is the director of healthcare services for Danforth Advisors in Somerville. Additionally, Falvey serves as the CFO of PhysicianOne Urgent Care, where he was named CFO of the Year by the *Hartford Business Journal*.

Robert Poucel is the executive vice president and general manager for Broadcast Pix, which provides integrated production switchers, as well as cloud-based solutions for media management, collaboration, and distribution. Poucel previously served as the Boston-based company's director of support.

1984

Barbara (Belavic) O'Brien is a project manager/business analyst for IT staffing company PeopleServe, Inc. in Chestnut Hill.

Scott White is the president and CEO of Ben Hogan Golf Equipment, based in Fort Worth, Tex.

1985

Karen (Dussault) McDonnell is the assistant vice president and chief human resources officer at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga.

1987

Christine (Paulo) Reilly is the president and chief executive officer of the Boston Home in Dorchester, which provides specialized clinical care and residential services for adults with advanced progressive neurological diseases.

||||| 30TH REUNION JUNE 1-3

1988

Jane (Shanahan) Clougherty is a senior enrollment representative at Curry College in Milton.

Thomas Dahlborg is a coach and national speaker for the Studer Group in Pensacola, Fla. This past fall, he presented at Studer's Engagement Conference in Boston.

Kathleen Roche is a vice president for institutional relationship management at Ascensus. Based in Dresher, Pa., Ascensus is a retirement and college savings services provider.

1989

William Roy is the owner of Moonlight Limited, a custom screen print and embroidery company, based in Brockton.

Nita "Anne" Ryan was elected to the Westchester/Fairfield (N.Y.) Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Ryan is the founder and principal of Danika Communications in Greenwich, Conn.

Kimberly Walsh was promoted to the role of business office manager for Wingate Residences at Brewster Place, an assisted living facility in Brewster.

1990

Christine (McManus) Emond, a private wealth advisor/owner for Ameriprise Financial in Fairfax, Va., was recognized as a *Forbes* and *Working Mother Magazine* Top 200 Female Wealth Advisor.



Life Coaching

LONG BEFORE phrases like "holistic healing" or "life coach" gained popularity, **Elaine Voci '76** was interested in helping the whole body—an idea, she says, she first saw in practice at Stonehill.

"Stonehill educates the whole person. My professors never forgot that there's a whole person coming in that door to class, that that student is an individual," says Voci, an Avon native now living in Carmel, Ind. "Stonehill helped me understand that a career isn't just a way to make a living but to live out our values."

After earning a degree in behavioral science, Voci worked as an alcohol/drug abuse counselor at an Indiana hospital. Her long and varied résumé includes jobs in corporate training, leading stress-relief classes and women's retreats and working as an English teacher in Japan.

While she earned a master's degree in rehabilitation science from Purdue University and a Ph.D. in human resource management from Columbia Pacific University, she also trained in holistic fields.

In her 60s, a time of life when others might be ready for retirement, Voci opened her own full-time life skills coaching practice. Additionally, she serves as a life-cycle celebrant, conducting individualized ceremonies for the milestones in people's lives—weddings, births and funerals. "In weddings, I tell the couple's love story. Eulogies are based on family recollections, stories of an individual's life," she says.

Voci has also written seven books—her latest is a coloring book, *Resilience Art: A Grief Coloring Book Using Ritual and Music to Help You Grow*.

"I'm gifted with a great deal of energy," Voci says with a laugh. "I love helping people. It's work that makes me feel good."



Golden Gloves

HE'S A RETIRED BOXING CHAMP with three college degrees and a decades-long career helping kids and adults through probation services in Massachusetts.

But **Pamerson Ifill '92** will tell you that his life could have gone down a very different road.

Growing up in Barbados, "I liked to fight. My mom died when I was 9. I ran away at 13," he recalls. "A police officer in the area said to me one day, 'Rather than get in trouble, why don't you box?'"

Soon Ifill was one of Barbados' most successful light heavyweights. He met Muhammed Ali three times. After winning the Kansas City Golden Gloves crown, he was recruited by a gym in Brockton to box professionally in 1986.

He enrolled at Massasoit Community College with the vague idea of pursuing a law career and returning to Barbados. But after graduating from Massasoit, and while still boxing professionally, Ifill enrolled at Stonehill.

"At Stonehill, I found a quality education and a lot of great professors," he says. Two months after earning his political science degree, in 1992, he boxed his last pro fight—though he still boxes.

"Boxing is really the thing that gave me the opportunity to get out of Barbados," he says. "Boxing provides confidence."

Ifill earned his master's in management of human services from Brandeis University in 1997. He's now regional supervisor of probation services at the Massachusetts Trial Court.

He says working with younger people is a special passion for him: "I came from that background. I knew what it was to struggle. I'm no angel, but at the same time, you can overcome if you have the right structure and support."

1991

Christopher Quidley is the president of Quidley & Company, Inc., a full-service art gallery, with locations in Boston, Nantucket, Naples, Fla., and most recently, Westport, Ct.

Glenn Tattrie is the chief risk officer for South Shore Bank in Weymouth.

||||| **25TH REUNION JUNE 1-3**

1993

Edward Malvey was selected as a U.S. administrative law judge for the Office of Hearing Operations of the Social Security Administration in Manchester, N.H. He previously was a regional attorney for the Social Security Administration in Boston.

1994

Robert DiVito is a controller for the law firm Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton in Waltham.

1995

Aimee (Walsh) Kolf is an ombudsman coordinator for Meditech, Inc. in Westwood.

1996

Michael DeNuccio is one of the inaugural Young Alumni Council's 10 Under 10 at St. Mary's University School of Law. DeNuccio has been practicing insurance defense litigation for the past 3 ½ years at Curney, Farmer, House & Osuna in San Antonio, Tex., after working in land use entitlement law and real estate litigation since 2008. He gave a presentation to engineers, surveyors and attorneys on adverse possession, a concept in property law.

1999

Christopher Chapman is the managing director/portfolio manager at Manulife Asset Management in London, U.K.

Douglas Connor is a firefighter for the town of Canton.

Laura (Autuori) Pontani, a licensed mental health counselor, is a holistic psychotherapist in South Deerfield.

Sharen Robertson had her short story, "The Toll Free Day," published in the Harvardwood short story anthology *The Seven Deadly Sins*. Robertson is a teacher at the Story Train Literacy Company in South Dartmouth.

2000

Robyn Kinch, who recently graduated from the North Bennet Street School carpentry program, is an apprentice carpenter for Faithful Contracting in Braintree.

Ernest Lacroix IV is a relationship manager for Focus Financial Partners in East Greenwich, R.I.

Emily Martineau is the chief of staff for the Providence, R.I., City Council. She previously served as the external communications director for Rhode Island Housing.

2001

Barbara (Corson) Clark is a project manager for Copyright Clearance Center in Danvers.

Craig Lenz, an OB/GYN, joined the staff at Donalsonville Hospital in Georgia.

||||| **15TH REUNION JUNE 1-3**

2003

John Pavlick is the vice president for Eloqua Platform Manager at BlackRock, an American global investment management corporation in Brooklyn, N.Y.

2004

Michael Baker is an assistant vice president and controller for Bridgewater Savings Bank in Raynham.

Cynthia Cortijo-Rodriguez is a payroll secretary for the New York City Department of Education.

Meghan Johnson is a probation officer in Dutchess County, N.Y.

Sean Peters is a paramedic for the Bridgewater Fire Department.

2005

Catherine (Monahan) Hanscom published her fourth children's book, *Imagination to the Rescue*.

Jill (Jackman) Holak is an assistant vice president/internal audit manager for Century Bank in Medford.

Jennifer (Pirri) Ingemi is assistant director of the behavioral neuroscience program at Northeastern University in Boston.

Crystal Maldonado-Goujon was named one of the 10 Best Attorneys in New Hampshire for exceptional and outstanding client service, by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys for 2017. She was also named a "nationally ranked Top 10 Under 40 Lawyer" by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys and a "Rising Star" by SuperLawyers.com in 2017.

Jessica Maskell was promoted to sergeant for the Attleboro Police Department. She is the first woman to hold a ranking position in the department.

Jason Zysk, an assistant professor of English at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, published *Shadows and Substance: Eucharistic Controversy and English Drama Across the Reformation Divide*, which explores the role of religion in Shakespeare and early English drama.

2006

Anna (Stansky) Murphy is a speech-language pathologist at the Horace Mann School for the Deaf in Allston.

2007

Mallory (Cole) Aronstein was named the first town administrator in Dighton.

||||| **10TH REUNION JUNE 1-3**

2008

Lindsay Briggs is an English teacher at Sacred Heart High School in Kingston.

Holly (Marini) Rice is an attorney at Lanier & Deifik in Naples, Fla.

Lindsay Trasko is a state tax law editor at Bloomberg BNA. She is also a contributor to the "Corporate Close-Up" blog series, which covers current events and hot topics related to corporate income tax at the state level.

2009

Chanel (Leonard) Adu is the human resources director for the Home Health Foundation based in Lawrence.

Karissa (Nickerson) Koster is a pediatric dentist for ARCH Orthodontics.

2010

Sarah Morales is the associate director of college counseling at the Cambridge School of Weston.

Alexandra Strangis was promoted to manager of care management for the home care program at Old Colony Elder Services. She previously served as a lead supervisor in the home care program.

2011

Joseph Attanasio started *Junto* magazine in 2015, which publishes art and literature by aspiring artists and writers submitted from around the world. Now in its third year, the magazine is raising funds to help transition into a sustainable model.

Alex (Linder) Flett received her DESE initial school nurse license and currently runs the north health office at Groton-Dunstable Regional Middle School.

2012

William Harris III, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, received the Bronze Star for his service overseas while in a classified location.

Catherine George is the director of scheduling for the Office of U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan in New Hampshire.

Cathleen Martin is a senior marketing coordinator at the Cambridge office of Structure Tone, a global construction management firm.

Elizabeth Scopac is an associate sweater technical designer for Alexander Wang in New York, N.Y.

Tania Williams works for the Department of Children and Family Services in Brentwood, N.Y.



Solving Problems

SHE CAN'T ALWAYS TALK about her work, which leads some of her friends to think she's a secret agent. But **Janine (Connors) Block '09**, who specializes in counterintelligence and investigations at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, admits that those friends might be disappointed to discover that much of her day consists of writing reports.

Block investigates security incidents and conducts counterintelligence investigations at Lincoln Laboratory, a U.S. Department of Defense research and development center, which seeks solutions to problems critical to national security. Specifically, she has been helping to develop an insider threat program.

Block initially started as a security officer on the overnight shift at Lincoln Laboratory and has worked her way up since then. The former Stonehill soccer player feels like her role is a natural fit: "I'm organized; I'm detail oriented; and I have a knack for connecting the dots."

As an undergraduate, Block was interested in solving problems. Her advisor, Assistant Professor of Criminology Pam Kelley, steered her towards a major in criminology which heightened her interest in investigations.

"I recall the skills we learned in Professor Kelley's Spatial Crime Analysis course," Block says. "I now use similar methods to develop metrics of security incidents, providing valuable information for establishing new procedures to prevent future occurrences."

Block says that her criminology courses made her excited about the field and showed her a potential career path she hadn't considered before.

What keeps her motivated? Block says, "If I do my job well, critical information won't fall into the hands of our adversaries, which indirectly helps keep our war fighters and our country safe."



Running to Music

AS FAR AS BAND ORIGIN stories go, theirs is a unique one. **Jonathan Foster '14, Robert Massey '16, Ramses Montero '13, Samuel Spencer '13 and Scott Waller '14** of Big Jon and the Mattress Factory met while running track at Stonehill.

Although the band was not officially formed until September 2016, the initial groundwork was laid at their Stonehill home—a suite in Notre Dame du Lac where they would play guitar together. “We already knew we had a good dynamic as teammates and good work ethic to play together as bandmates,” Spencer recalls.

Their experiences after graduation ranged from years of service in the Peace Corps and Stonehill Service Corps, to graduate school, to full-time work. But eventually, “everyone found themselves back in Boston at the same time, needing roommates and a place to live,” says Spencer. Together, the five moved into a house with a soundproof basement on Carolina Street, which later became the name of their first album.

While they all have day jobs—Foster, a healthcare data analyst; Massey, a mental health specialist; Montero, a graphic designer; Spencer, a program assistant at Road Scholar; and Waller, a special

education teacher—the band, which specializes in rock, plays in the Boston and Cambridge area and goes on tour.

In August 2017, Big Jon and the Mattress Factory packed their van and headed to Washington, D.C., for the first stop on a 10-day tour. According to Foster, “It was an adventure. The van had been running fine until the day we left, and then we stalled in the middle of Route 93 South in Boston before we got anywhere.” Waller notes that the 11-hour car ride that followed, in 100-degree heat, was one of their best memories and stories to date.

As for their name, Montero recalls walking down the street in Cambridge and spotting a soon-to-be demolished building with a sign that read “Big John’s Mattress Factory.” Considering they have a Jon, Montero thought it was “pretty funny and just ironic enough.”

While track initially brought them together, Massey says that almost all extracurricular activities at this point fall under “band activities,” but some of them do still run together.

As for making their way back to their roots, Massey notes that they are eagerly awaiting their Brother Mike’s debut invitation.

||||| 5TH REUNION JUNE 1-3

2013

Kalee Burrows received a master’s degree in applied theatre: drama in educational, community and social contexts at Goldsmiths, University of London. She is now the program manager at VOICES Boston, a nonprofit children’s singing ensemble that focuses on developing skills in the performing arts.

Jessica Cockcroft is a guidance counselor at Methuen High School.

Julia Crane received a master of business administration degree from the Van Loan School at Endicott College in Beverly. She is the assistant director of the Fletcher Fund for the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford.

Emily Cure is the executive assistant to the director at Boston Athenaeum, one of the oldest independent libraries in the United States.

Allison Rose received a master’s degree in education from Lesley University, having completed the specialist teacher of reading program. She is now a teacher for Newton Public Schools.

Lauren (Bombardier) Weeks received a master’s degree in management, human resources from Lasell College. She is a human resources associate at the Education Development Center in Waltham.

2014

Erin Hollander was promoted to senior project accountant for Walsh Mechanical Contractors in Abington.

Adriana Solimine is a senior manager for internal communications at life science company MilliporeSigma in Burlington.

2015

Alaina Dahlquist is a legislative assistant for bipartisan lobbying firm Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas in Washington, D.C.

Nathaniel Robitaille re-signed with the Schwabisch Hall Unicorns of the German Football League.

Entering his third season, he had compiled 1,354 yards of total offense with 23 touchdowns, including the Super Bowl winning touchdown, last season.

2016

Victoria Clifford is an administrative assistant for the project development and construction group, Skanska USA Building in Boston.

Liam Dacko is a production assistant with the Writers Room at Paramount Pictures, working on scripts for movie versions of the young adult illustrated fantasy *Ology* book series.

Colleen McCutcheon is a practice assistant at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.

Lucia Navarro works in the architecture marketing department at Sasaki Associates, International, an interdisciplinary planning and design firm, in Watertown.

Erica Stellato is an HR generalist for Jobs for the Future, a national nonprofit that builds educational and economic opportunity for underserved populations, in Boston.

2017

Brankely Garcia is a business controls associate at State Street in Boston.

Shea Healy is a development associate at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston.

Caitlin Hughes is a senior development assistant in the donor relations department at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Erik Journet graduated from the 64th municipal police officers training class in Plymouth. After completing his 24 weeks of intensive training, he starts his career as a patrol officer on the island of Nantucket.

Stephanie Latzanakis is a junior designer for the full-service event contractor Teamwork Events, based in South Easton.

Devon Ryan is a production assistant for the sport clothing company ‘47 Brand in Westwood.

Abigail Weston is a graphic designer for the Infusion Nurses Society in Norwood.

5 Upcoming Events

MAY

- 10** GOLD After-Work Party, Scholars, Boston
- 12** 27th Annual Stonehill Night at the Boston Pops, “Leonard Bernstein Centennial Tribute,” Boston Symphony Hall

JUNE

- 1-3** Reunion 2018
- 23** Stonehill Day at Newport Polo

SEPTEMBER

- 22** Admission Legacy Session

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ALUMNI TRAVEL Scotland: Edinburgh and Beyond October 5–14

This educational tour will take travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Drymen and other historic places. Visit stonehill.edu/alumni/programs-events/alumni-travel-program for more.

Notepad

Precollege Program Rising high school juniors and seniors accepted into the Summer@Stonehill program in July take three-credit, college-level courses taught by our professors in computer science, fine arts, political science and psychology. Living on campus, they experience course-related activities, night programs and field trips. Stonehill community members get a 10 percent discount. For more information, visit stonehill.edu/precollge/.

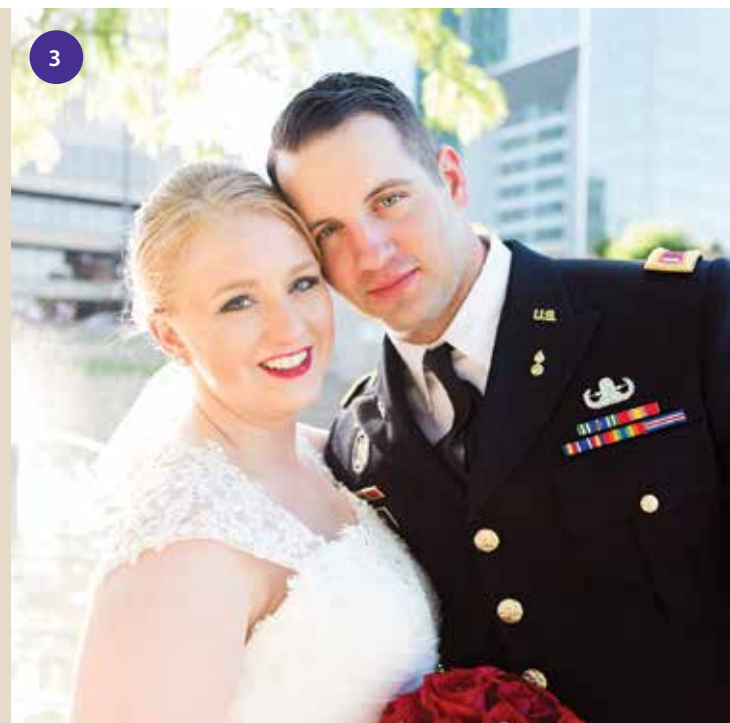
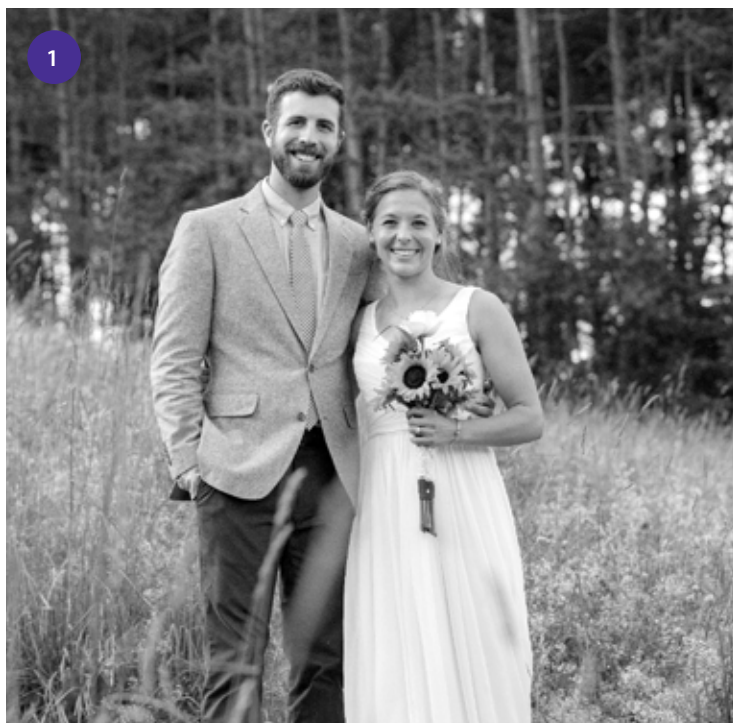
Purple Door Business Network The Alumni Association’s Purple Door Business Network is your best resource for finding businesses owned and operated by alumni. With more than 26,000 living graduates, Stonehill has alumni in nearly every industry. The network is searchable by industry and location and includes business descriptions and contact information, so you can personally reach out to your fellow alums at their business. Listing a business in the network is a benefit available to all alumni. Visit stonehillalumni.org to find or list a business.

Career Mentoring Directory The Career Development Center and the Office of Alumni Affairs recently launched a new career mentoring directory, housed on the Stonehill Connect site. By registering as a career mentor, students and alumni interested in entering your field will be able to contact you for career advice and career development opportunities—such as informational interviewing, job shadowing or email networking. As a mentor, you can choose how you wish to be contacted and how you would like to be involved. To sign up as a mentor or to search for mentors, go to stonehillalumni.org.

Become Educators in the Faith The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers is an international community dedicated to educational, pastoral and social ministries. For vocations, contact Rev. Neil Wack, C.S.C. at 574-632-6385 or at vocation@holycrossusa.org. Visit holycrossvocations.org.

The Monthly Mass of Alumni Intentions is celebrated on the third Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Donahue Hall.





Weddings

Jacquelyn Tracy '88 to David Marseglia, 1/6/18
Christina Bebas '97 to Eric Kaniu, 1/6/17
Mark Lamoureux '01 to Susan Tinkham '09, 9/15/17
William Lau '02 to Elena Lau, 8/14/15
Alexis McGrath '02 to Matthew Rothenberg, 7/15/17
Christine Bevan '02 to Scott Wisniewski, 8/8/15
Brian Reynolds '04 to Gabrielle Reynolds, 9/16/17
Bridgette Kelly '05 to Abdelmadjid Mekkaoui, 8/20/17
Jennifer Kam '06 to Jeffrey Orth, 8/19/17

Anthony Dambrie '07 to Alicia Flick, 9/9/17
Courtney Alleborn '07 to Thad Townsend, 11/12/16
Laura Mazzarella '08 to Paul Buccheri, 9/24/16
Joseph Conley '08 to Hannah Mecaskey, 10/14/17
Anna Polucha '08 to Greg Grotevant, 9/22/17
Anthony Williams '08 to Patricia O'Donnell, 7/30/16
Nicholas Smith '09 to Alicia Joyce, 11/12/16
Scott Hackett '10 to Nicole Boudreau '11, 8/19/17
Courtney Skelly '10 to Stephen Napolitano, 7/22/17
Daniel Uyttebroek '10 to Michele Norton '11, 11/4/17
Stephen Connors '11 to Molly Arsenault '11, 6/3/17
Katherine Finnell '11 to Ryan McLaughlin, 4/30/17
Jessica Silva '11 to James Hodges '13, 7/22/17
Chelsea Santos '12 to John Friberg '12, 7/15/17
Daniel Kincade '12 to Kelsey Reilly '13, 9/30/17

Theresa Stoecker '12 to Bryan Prosek, 5/6/17
Mario Ranalli '12 to Devan Hartung, 4/28/17
Sarah Burke '13 to Daniel Corriveau, 2/27/16
Sean Hanlon '13 to Gabriella Norena '13, 9/9/17
Christopher Hemphill '13 to Katherine Dempsey '13, 8/20/17
Amy Plouff '13 to Grant Rocco, 7/16/16
Julianne Tarella '13 to Daniel St. Hilaire, 9/22/17
Laura Grenier '13 to Kevin Warner, 6/17/17
Robert Olberg '14 to Kristina Mozolevska, 5/29/16
Lauren Mazzola '14 to Roberto Rosa '14, 8/26/17

Weddings Pictured

1. Quinn Sanborn Brueggemann and **Timothy Rose '12**, 6/24/17
2. Amna Naeem and **Asad Shahid '12**, 3/10/17
3. **Kathryn Smid '14** and **Taylor Viotto '14**, 5/28/17
4. Samantha Heim and **Khalid Abdi '08**, 10/28/17
5. **Jamie Eng '09** and Clark Page, 1/17/17
6. **Lauren Bombardier '13** and **Kyle Weeks '13**, 8/25/17
7. **Teresa Kenney '14** and **Timothy Culverhouse '14**, 6/24/17
8. Marie Hebert and **James Killeen IV '09**, 8/25/17
9. **Patrick McKenna '10** and Erin Wnorowski, 9/22/17



Babies

John Fiorito '90 and Kathryn Hennigan, Edgartown, son, John Frank, 9/17/17

Megan (Fitzgerald) '98 and Tyler **Dunn**, Miami, Fla., daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen and son, Fitzgerald Thomas, 7/27/17

Jamie (Rowell) '00 and **Mark '01 DiMinico**, Great River, N.Y., daughter, Emerson Royal, 1/10/17

Danielle (Driscoll) '02 and Nicholas **Masciarelli**, North Easton, son, Landon, 1/15/17

Christine (Bevan) '02 and Scott **Wisniewski**, Poughquag, N.Y., daughter Quinn Bevan, 6/23/16

Elizabeth (Smith) '03 and **Justin '03 Scheets**, North Easton, son, Liam Henry, 11/1/17

Rebecca and **Michael Baker '04**, Bridgewater, daughter, Grace, 6/28/16

Cynthia Cortijo-Rodriguez '04 and Raul Rodriguez, Bronx, N.Y., daughter, Madison Abigail, 9/25/17

Ashley (Daluz) '04 and Andrew **Lay**, Rehoboth, daughter, Emerson, 3/14/17

Shannon and **Sean Peters '04**, Bridgewater, son, Connor, 4/27/16

Catherine (Monahan) '05 and **Christopher '05 Hanscom**, Auburn, son, Matthew Douglas, 6/23/17

Amy (Pelletier) '05 and **Matthew '05 Rainone**, Mansfield, daughter, Addie Ann, and son, Keegan Matthew, 9/30/16

Sarah (Tetreault) '06 and Joshua **LeComte**, Fall River, daughter, Ava, 3/9/16

Sarah (Ouellette) '06 and Brian **Oriola**, Marshfield, son, Ventura Stephen, 6/10/17

Kelly (Karolyshyn) '07 and **Kevin '07 Dubuc**, North Attleboro, son, Graham Thomas, 10/3/17

Erin (Padden) '07 and **Peter '07 Stewart**, Newton, son, Anderson Glynn, 7/28/17

Margaret (Norden) '07 and **Matthew '04 Rogers**, Quincy, daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, 11/7/17

Vanessa (Scioli) and **Alfred Santosuosso '07**, Saugus, son, Rocco Blaise, 12/1/17

Kara (Hyde) '08 and Jack **Creahan**, North Andover, daughter, Emma Marie, 7/5/17

Kathleen (Collupy) '08 and Craig **Malcolmson**, Hanover, daughter, Colleen Marianne, 11/5/17

Joelene (Hoffman) '08 and **Patrick '08 McCusker**, South Weymouth, daughter, Ainsley, 12/12/17

Christina (Pedranti) '08 and Edis **Miljevic**, Revere, daughter, Mia Barbara, 8/14/17

Holly (Marini) '08 and Eric **Rice**, Naples, Fla., daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, 6/3/17

Ashley (Cordeiro) '09 and **Paolo '08 Lambresa**, Peabody, daughter, Josephine, 8/2/17

Keely (Farren) '09 and Sean **Cahalane**, Beverly, son, Griffin John, 8/24/17

Kelly and **Daniel DiAntonio '09**, Marriottsville, Md., daughter, Cali Elizabeth, 9/4/17

Karissa (Nickerson) '09 and **Andrew '09 Koster**, Stoughton, son, Henry, 10/26/17

Luciana Arguello '13 and Jorge **Juan Bosch**, San Salvador, El Salvador, daughter, Adriana, 3/6/17

Samantha (Lindquist) '13 and Andrew **Carrico**, Bridgewater, daughter, Aubrey Rose, 4/8/17

Sarah (Burke) Corriveau '13 and Daniel **Corriveau**, Evans Mills, N.Y., son, Jason Daniel, 7/23/17

Kristina and **Robert Olberg '14**, West Springfield, daughter, Aleksandra Emily, 8/4/17

Babies Pictured

- Aeden Wyatt, 9/25/17, **Jennifer (McCullough) '01** and **Michael '01 Totman**
- Ryan Peter, 8/29/17, **Kathryn (Sylvia) '08** and **Christopher '10 Rattigan**

3. Colton Michael, 9/24/2017, **Janine (Connors) '09** and Thomas **Block**

4. Jack, 7/28/17, **Jennifer (Sullivan) '06** and **Michael '06 Lyons**

5. Gavin Thomas, 10/5/17, **Shawna (DeLugan) '07** and Sterling **Reames**

6. Campbell Grier, 8/9/17, **Patricia (Gormican) '04** and Elbe **d'Oliveira**

7. Jacob Isaac Joseph, 5/12/17, **Leighanne (Brammer) '06** and Jacob **Basta**

8. Alayna Rose, 11/30/16, **Alexandra (Murphy) '12** and **William '12 Harris**

9. Landon, 1/15/17, **Danielle (Driscoll) '02** and Nicholas **Masciarelli**

WAIT, There's More to See!

Want to see more photos of your classmates getting married or of their little bundles of joy? You now can by visiting SAM online at stonehill.edu/alumni-magazine.

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Because of space constraints, not all photos submitted will be included in the print version of the magazine, but those meeting the specified requirements will be included in SAM online.

Obituaries

James Maher '53 of Hyde Park died December 6. He is survived by his wife, Marie, three children, one grandchild and other family, including his nephew Daniel Conley '80.

Daniel Mahoney '55 of Franklin died September 11. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, four children and seven grandchildren, including Alexander Hardy '11.

George Gelinas Jr. '57 of Naples, Fla., died November 3. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, three children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Walter Snarsky '58 of Plymouth died December 22. He is survived by his wife, Jayne, four children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Louis Ciavarra '59 of North Easton died August 24. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, three sons, including William '83, 11 grandchildren and other family, including niece Kathleen Clark '92 and daughter-in-law Christine (White) '87.

Martha (Loring) Long '60 of Plymouth died December 5. She is survived by her husband, Thomas '60, six children, 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

William Monahan '60 of Scituate died August 25. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gerald Fenton '61 of Raynham died October 18. He is survived by four children and seven grandchildren.

Francis Yafate '63 of Quincy died October 26. He is survived by his wife, Maryalice, one child, two grandchildren, and other family, including sister-in-law Jacqueline (Lopresti) '87, niece Laura '08 and former wife Virginia (Waring) '64.

Richard Lizotte '64 of New London, N.H., died January 3. He is survived by his wife, Micheline '66, three children, four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Beverly (Russell) Bifano '65 of Brockton died December 3. She is survived by one sister and one nephew.

William Reilly '65 of Bradenton, Fla., died September 25, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, four stepchildren, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Edward Keane '67 of Daytona Beach, Fla., died September 13. He is survived by eight siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Rev. Aubrey McNeil, O.F.M. '67 of Anderson, N.C., died December 5. He is survived by his mother and two siblings.

Janet (Kaskon) Trubiano '68 of Natick died January 30. She is survived by her husband, Dino, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Paul Whelton '68 of Middletown, Del., died February 4. He is survived by his wife, Michaelene, one child, two stepchildren and three grandchildren.

Joan (Caduto) Steele '69 of Shrewsbury died October 24. She is survived by her partner, Peter, four children and several grandchildren.

Sheryll (Bellotti) Crosby '70 of Springfield, Va., died November 9. She is survived by four children and nine grandchildren.

Kathryn (McGinley) Mahoney '70 of Baltimore, Md., died February 13. She is survived by four children and other family, including sister Donna McGinley '68 and cousin Edwin Donahue '71.

Janet Morgan '70 of Hull died July 2, 2016. She is survived by two siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Stephen Sullivan '70 of Stoughton died October 30. He is survived by his wife, Donna, three children and six grandchildren.

Cheryl (Noonan) Noblin '71 of Raynham died January 20. She is survived by her husband, John '69, son John '02, daughter Susan (Noblin) Cantelli '05 and three grandchildren. Noblin received the Stonehill College Alumni Service Award in 1993 for her service to the College.

Gerald Murphy '71 of Evandale, Ohio, died April 20, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Wendy, two children and two grandchildren.

Robert LaCroix '72 of Attleboro died January 7. He is survived by two siblings and many nieces and nephews.

George Rodenbush III '72 of Brockton died September 7. He is survived by his wife, Jayne, two children and four siblings.

John Bouchard Jr. '74 of Wakefield died December 24. He is survived by his wife, Paulette, one daughter, his stepmother and two siblings, including James '78.

David Canniff '74 of Norwood died January 3. He is survived by one sibling and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Sharon (Turell) Clement '75 of East Falmouth died September 5. She is survived by her husband, Roy, one child, two stepchildren and two grandchildren.

Laurie Croal '77 of Weymouth died June 8. She is survived by two siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Marcia (Shubow) Shapiro '79 of Canton died May 17. She is survived by her husband, Alan, three children and nine grandchildren.

Francis Spadea '80 of Brockton died February 7. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, three children and six grandchildren.

Maureen Butler-L'Heureux '82 of West Bridgewater died January 1. She is survived by one daughter and six siblings, including brothers John '89 and Charles '85, sisters Sheila Butler '85 and Katherine (Butler) Mattson '76, and niece Kristen Mattson '11.

Peter Harn '83 of Charlotte, N.C., died January 12. He is survived by his wife, Mary-Ellen, his mother, two children and five siblings.

Joan Connolly '87 of Buzzards Bay died May 14, 2016.

Joseph D'Alessio '88 of Reading died September 1. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and two children.

Susan (Briggs) Kenney '90 of Middleboro died February 7. She is survived by her husband, James, five children, nine grandchildren and six siblings, including James Briggs '89.

Susan Slattery '91 of Abington died October 26. She is survived by her mother and three siblings.

Michael Lennon '92 of Westwood died January 10. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, one child and other family, including his cousin Pamela Camboia '72.

Sharon (Cushman) (Waldron) Farrell '98 of East Bridgewater died February 23. She is survived by her husband, Richard, two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carol Neves '98 of Brockton died February 20. She is survived by one child, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cody Guttadauro '14 of Wakefield died September 17. He is survived by his parents, one sibling, two grandmothers and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Alison Steferak '17 of Fairfield, Conn., died December 16. She is survived by her parents, one sibling and her grandmother.



The Two Best Nights of My Life

BY CHET RAYMO

Abduction!

IN EARLY 1994, Harvard psychiatrist John Mack published a book called *Abduction*, based on his study of hundreds of people who claimed to have been taken aboard an alien spacecraft and subjected to strange, often sexual, experiments. Mack took the testimony of his subjects seriously, and his book soared to the best-seller lists.

In my *Boston Globe* column "Science Musings," I offered a skeptical review of the book, pointing out the similarities between the abduction phenomenon and the witchcraft craze of the Middle Ages. At the end, as a throwaway line, I wrote: "Tell you

what, Professor Mack. Pass the word through your abductee contacts. I'll be waiting on the college quad at midnight a week from tonight. I volunteer myself for alien experiments."

I was not, of course, serious. But when I arrived on campus the next day, I was greeted by posters: SEE CHET RAYMO ABDUCTED BY ALIENS, NEXT MONDAY, THE QUAD, MIDNIGHT. What was I to do?

On the appointed night, I showed up with an overnight bag containing a toothbrush and a change of underwear. Hundreds of students had gathered, many inebriated and in costume. A landing pad was marked out with lights. WSHL, the College's radio station, boomed the *Stars Wars* theme into the sky. Reporters from the local media stood by with notepads and cameras.

As midnight approached, the crowd roared a countdown: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2...

At the stroke of midnight, a clutch of aliens—my engineering students—decked out in aluminum foil, rushed

into the throng and carried me away. God knows how long the party lasted. A photo of two revelers, with bobbing antennas, made the *Boston Globe*.

Premiere!

The following year, a novel of mine was made into a film, *Frankie Starlight*, starring Matt Dillon, Gabriel Byrne, Anne Parillaud and two remarkable Irish actors as Frankie, Corban Walker and Alan Pentony.

The world premiere was in Dublin, Ireland. Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Saltrelli got it into his head that the U.S. premiere should be at Stonehill. Against all odds, we got the producer to lend a print, and Lou, with administrators Dick Grant, Kathy Conroy and others, set out to make the night one to remember.

The Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex was turned into Hollywood, with a gym-spanning screen, professional projection equipment and searchlights sweeping the sky. Everyone was there—students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends of the College. Seniors were dolled up in black tuxedos and cocktail dresses.

A gala reception preceded the screening, and at a party afterwards the seniors presented me with my own "Academy Award," which I treasure to this day.

The "official" U.S. premiere occurred in New York a few weeks later. I didn't go, to my family's dismay. I had already missed a few classes for the Dublin affair and was loath to skip any more. And besides, the boffo night at Stonehill with a campus full of friends meant more to me than anything Broadway could offer.

Professor emeritus Chet Raymo began teaching physics at Stonehill in 1964. He served as an educator and an influential member of the academic community for 37 years before retiring from full-time teaching in 2001.

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CHALK LETTERING: In the run-up to Saint Valentine's Day and a Skyhawk Welcome Day, Admission Counselors Nicholas Chiocco '16 and Christopher Flaherty wondered what might happen if they wrote "I Love Stonehill" on a chalkboard in Roche Dining Commons. When they did, the chalkboard filled up with comments from community members sharing why they love the College.